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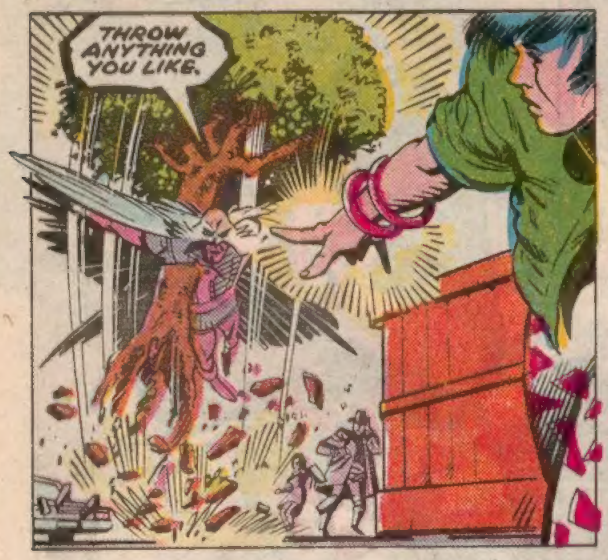
ANOTHER TOKER THE KID SCAN

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR FRIEND--THAT YOU EXISTED TO HELP US!
BUT YOU'RE NOT! YOU JUST WANT TO USE US--LIKE EVERYONE ELSE! YOU WANT TO KEEP US PRISONERS IN SANCTUARY!
THE WAY OF THE PSI-HAWK IS FOR HIM ALONE TO KNOW!

THEN JUST KEEP YOUR STUPID "WAY" TO YOURSELF!
CAN'T LET HIM GET ME!
YOUR TELEKINETIC POWERS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME, GIRL!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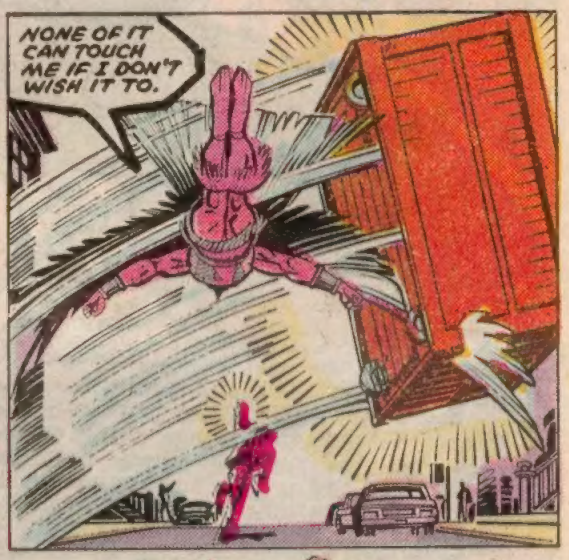
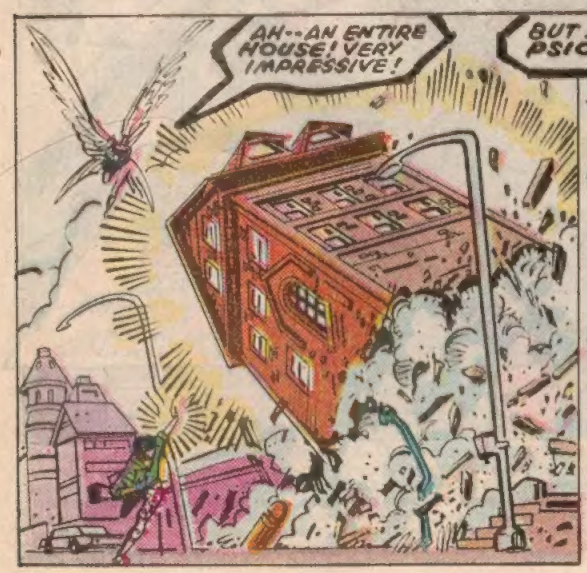

NONE OF IT CAN TOUCH ME IF I DON'T WISH IT TO.


AH--AN ENTIRE HOUSE! VERY IMPRESSIVE!

BUT I, TOO, HAVE PSIONIC POWERS!
AND THEY MAKE YOURS LOOK LIKE NOTHING!
WHOOOOOOMM!
NOOOOOOOO!

GOOD LORD! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
SOME SORT OF FREAKS--TEARIN' UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD! I'M CUTTIN' OUT!
THAT GIRL--SHE USED TO GO TO MY SCHOOL--

"--SHE'S KATHY LING!"
OH, NO! EVERYBODY SEES ME USING MY CREEPY POWERS! JUST LIKE I WAS ALWAYS AFRAID WOULD HAPPEN!

DON'T YOU LIKE IT, KATHY? DON'T YOU WANT EVERYONE TO SEE HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE?
BLAST YOU, PSI-HAWK! STAY OUT OF MY THOUGHTS! STAY OUT OF MY LIFE!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, KATHY.

I'M ALREADY PART OF YOUR LIFE, PART OF YOU! IT'S USELESS TO RUN FROM ME!
FORGET IT! I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY! I'M NEVER LETTING YOU TAKE ME BACK TO THE REST OF THOSE FREAKS! I'M NEVER GOING BACK TO SANCTUARY!
NOT ALIVE, ANYWAY!
TRAPPED!

ALIVE OR OTHERWISE--YOU'RE GOING BACK!
IT'S SHOWDOWN TIME, PSI-HAWK! MY POWER AGAINST YOURS!
I--I HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE. HE'S SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN ME.
BE BRAVE, BENJAMIN.

YOU HAVE DEFIED PSI-HAWK, GIRL--
--NOW PAY THE PRICE!
NOOOOOO--

NOOOOOOOO--!!
HUH? WHERE'D PSI-HAWK GO?

I'M BACK IN MY ROOM IN SANCTUARY--?! WHAT HAPPENED?
KATHY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF NIGHT-MARE!

YOU TURNED OVER EVERY-THING IN THE ROOM, INCLUDING MY BED--WITH ME IN IT!
I--I'M SORRY, STASI. THE DREAM SEEMED SO REAL--I MUST'VE LASHED OUT SUBCONSCIOUSLY WITH MY TELEKINETIC POWERS.

NO HARM DONE, I GUESS. I'M OKAY--AND WE CAN STRAIGHTEN UP THE PLACE.
IT WAS SO REAL, STASI. THE PSI-HAWK--HE WOULDN'T LET ME LEAVE SANCTUARY.
IT TURNED INTO A SHOW-DOWN--ME AGAINST HIM, THINGS DIDN'T LOOK TOO GOOD FOR ME, AND--
NOK NOK NOK
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE? OPEN UP!

WE HEARD SCREAMING AND BANGING! YOU GIRLS OKAY?
SOMEONE TRY TO ATTACK YOU OR SOMETHING?
N-NO... WE WERE JUST, UH, REDECORATING...

REDECORATING?! AT FOUR IN THE MORNING?! WE THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS BEING KILLED!
I--I'M SORRY.
YOU GIRLS ARE JUST PLAIN CRAZY!
LET'S GO. LEAVE THE WEIRDOS TO THEMSELVES.

SOON...
I HATE IT HERE, STASI. I HATE IT!
BUT... YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO STAY HERE, KATHY. THE PSI-HAWK WON'T ALLOW US TO GO.*
*SEE LAST ISSUE--BOB.

I KNOW... I KNOW...
OH, KATHY, IF YOU WERE PHYSICALLY HURT, IT WOULD BE EASY FOR MY HANDS' HEALING TOUCH TO MAKE YOU WELL...
BUT THERE ARE SOME PAINS THAT ARE BEYOND MY POWER.

THE NEXT AFTERNOON, ELSEWHERE IN THE HOME FOR RUN-AWAY TEEN-AGERS CALLED SANCTUARY...
IS THAT THE BEST YOU GUYS CAN DO--PLAY STUPID GAMES?
AW, COME ON, WAYNE. CAN'T YOU EASE UP ABOUT THINGS FOR JUST A DAY?
HE'S JUST SAYING WHAT WE'RE ALL FEELING, MICHAEL --THAT WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WE'RE TRAPPED HERE.
MONOPOLY
BIO LAB

HOLD IT, STASI. ALL WE KNOW IS WAYNE IS TRAPPED HERE. OR THINKS HE IS, HE SAYS WHEN HE TRIED TO LEAVE A FEW WEEKS AGO...
...SOMETHING MADE HIM COME BACK WHEN HE GOT A HUNDRED MILES OR SO AWAY. SOMETHING HE CLAIMS WAS THE PSI-HAWK'S WILL.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU DON'T THINK IT WAS, KATHY.
OCT

MAYBE IT WAS, MICHAEL. OR MAYBE WAYNE JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO ADMIT THAT, DESPITE WHAT HE SAYS OTHERWISE, HE WANTS TO KEEP THIS STUPID GROUP TOGETHER.
LOOK OUT, EVERYBODY. I'M BUILDING A HOTEL ON PARK PLACE.
MAYBE WAYNE WON'T ADMIT IT--
GO
BOARDWALK
PARK PLACE
PRICE 350

"--BUT MAYBE HE WAS REALLY TAKEN IN BY THAT TRICK THE PSI-HAWK DID LAST MONTH--
"--WHEN HE TWISTED THE BRANCHES OF A BUSH AROUND EACH OTHER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT THE FIVE BRANCHES TWISTED TOGETHER COULD MEAN WE ALL BELONG TOGETHER.
"OF COURSE, IT COULD ALSO MEAN IF WE STAY TOGETHER WE'RE GONNA STRANGLE THE LIFE OUT OF EACH OTHER."

BUT, WHATEVER THAT STUPID BUSH MEANS--OUR LIVES ARE DEFINITELY OUT OF OUR CONTROL! WE'VE GOT THESE WEIRD POWERS...AND PEOPLE WANT TO USE OR DESTROY US.
IF ONLY OUR LIVES WERE LIKE THIS GAME. WE MAKE THE MOVES, WE DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO.
I HATE IT HERE. I HATE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY LIFE SINCE PROUDHAWK BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER--AND THEN GOT HIMSELF KILLED.
I CAN'T FACE THE FUTURE IF IT'S GOING TO BE AS A SLAVE TO THAT VILE PSI-HAWK.
I WANT MY OLD LIFE BACK. MY FOLKS, MY FRIENDS... BENJAMIN.

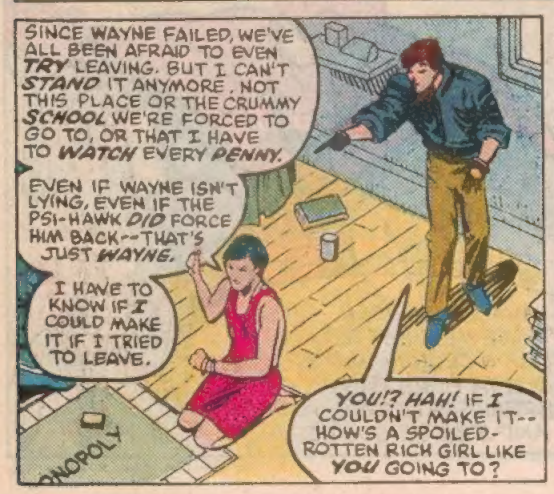
HEY! EASE UP, KATHY. I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE STUCK HERE FOREVER.
THE PSI-HAWK HASN'T LET US DOWN YET!
PASSING GO! GIVE ME MY $200!

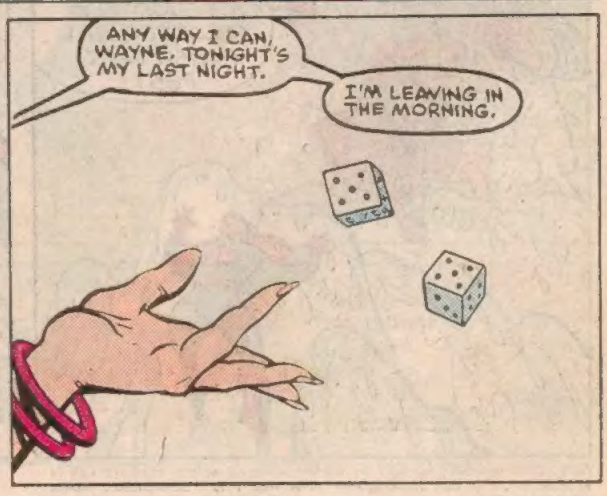
YOUR HOPE'S AS FALSE AS THAT MONOPOLY MONEY, TYRONE!
I HATE BEIN' STUCK HERE MORE THAN ANYBODY! I DIDN'T COME BACK 'CAUSE OF ANY LOYALTY!
I CAME BACK 'CAUSE THAT PSI-HAWK WAS IN MY HEAD, MAKING ME COME BACK.

AND WE WERE LUCKY YOU DID! YOU GOT BACK JUST IN TIME TO SAVE US FROM THAT GANG!* THEY WOULD'VE KILLED US!
WOW! LOOK AT ALL THIS MONEY! I'M WINNING!
WINNING?
*SEE LAST ISSUE-- BOB.

CREEPY, YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER LOSER. LIKE THE REST OF US! WE'VE LOST OUR FREEDOM TO CHOOSE WHAT WE DO WITH OUR LIVES! PROUDHAWK STOLE IT FROM US!
HE STOLE IT FROM US WHEN HE WAS ALIVE AND SNUCK INTO OUR BRAINS AND FORCED US ALL TO COME HERE TO SAN FRANCISCO, TO THIS LOUSY "SANCTUARY"...
AND HE'S STILL CONTROLLING US, NOT LETTING US GO, THROUGH THE PSI-HAWK!

BUT PSI-HAWK HAS SAVED OUR LIVES, WAYNE. AND YOU KNOW THAT WITH THE POWERS WE HAVE, WE'RE CONTINUALLY IN DANGER.
STILL, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL. IT WOULD BE NICE TO THINK WE COULD LEAVE IF WE WANTED TO.
I SAY, GIVE IT TIME, GUYS. I BET THINGS'LL BE BETTER IF WE JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER AND SEE...
NO MORE WAITING.

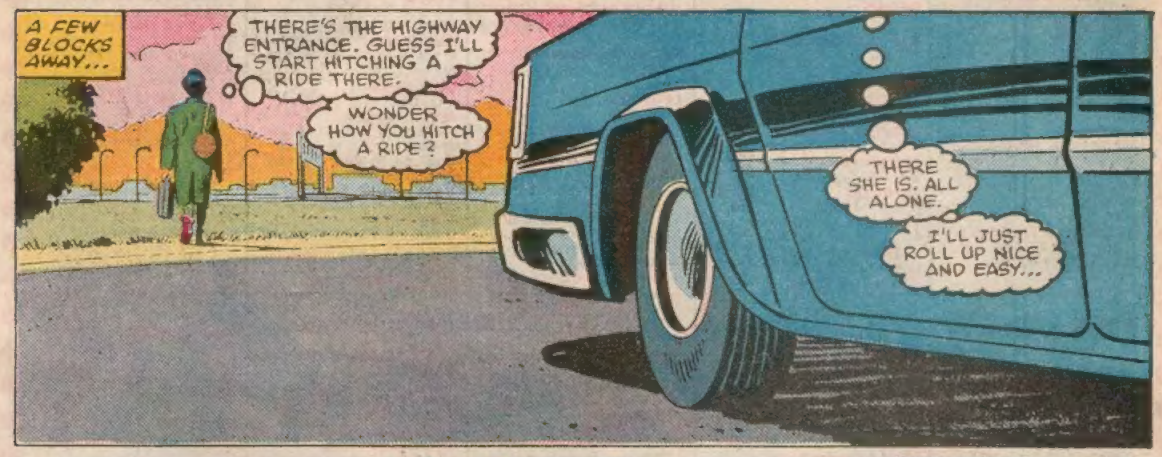

SINCE WAYNE FAILED, WE'VE ALL BEEN AFRAID TO EVEN TRY LEAVING. BUT I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE, NOT THIS PLACE OR THE CRUMMY SCHOOL WE'RE FORCED TO GO TO, OR THAT I HAVE TO WATCH EVERY PENNY.
EVEN IF WAYNE ISN'T LYING, EVEN IF THE PSI-HAWK DID FORCE HIM BACK--THAT'S JUST WAYNE.
I HAVE TO KNOW IF I COULD MAKE IT IF I TRIED TO LEAVE.
YOU!? HAH! IF I COULDN'T MAKE IT-- HOW'S A SPOILED-ROTTEN RICH GIRL LIKE YOU GOING TO?
ONOPOLY


ANY WAY I CAN, WAYNE. TONIGHT'S MY LAST NIGHT.
I'M LEAVING IN THE MORNING.

MORNING...

MADE IT DOWN THE STEPS...

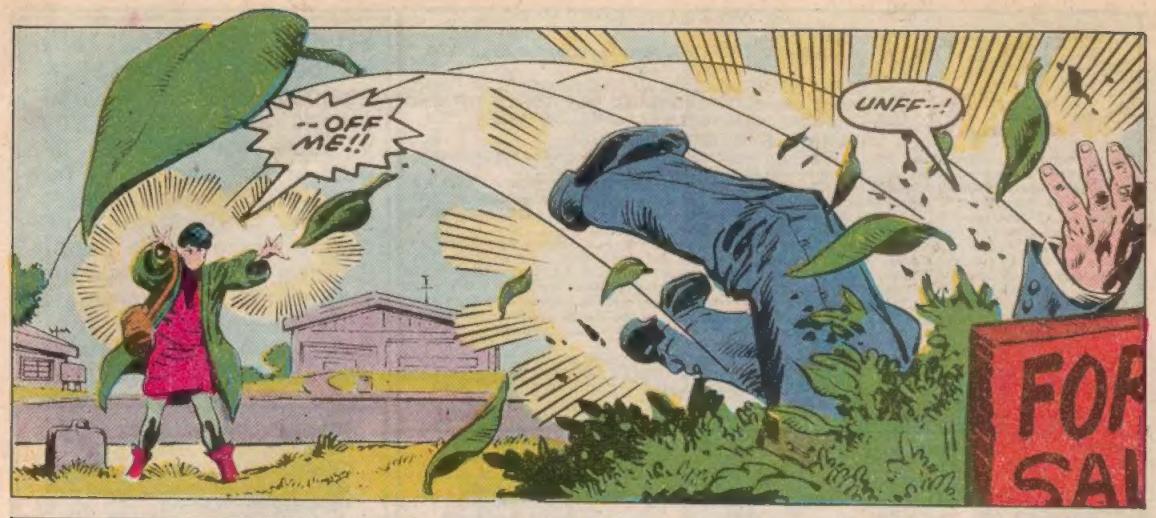
SHE...SHE'S REALLY DOING IT, MICHAEL. I HOPE SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
I--I HOPE WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.


A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
THERE'S THE HIGHWAY ENTRANCE. GUESS I'LL START HITCHING A RIDE THERE.
WONDER HOW YOU HITCH A RIDE?
THERE SHE IS. ALL ALONE.
I'LL JUST ROLL UP NICE AND EASY...

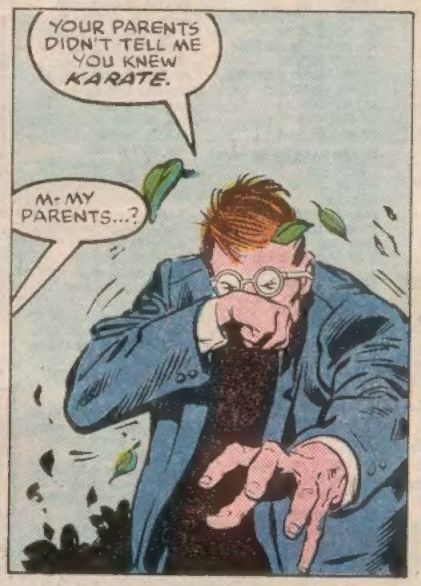
YOUNG LADY...?
OH, GREAT. CREEPS NEVER SLEEP.
GET LOST.

PLEASE-- I DON'T MEAN ANY HARM.
YOU'RE KATHY LING, AREN'T YOU?
NO! HE KNOWS MY NAME! IS HE SOMEBODY WHO WANTS ME 'CAUSE OF MY POWERS?
OR IS HE SOMEBODY THE PSI-HAWK MADE COME AFTER ME--?
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT...?

EASY, KATHY. I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU. I JUST WANT TO--
NO! KEEP YOUR HANDS--


--OFF ME!!
UNFF--!
FOR SAL

OH, NO-- I USED MY POWERS! DID I HURT HIM...?
B-BOY, YOU PACK A MEAN WALLOP, KATHY.


YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T TELL ME YOU KNEW KARATE.
M-MY PARENTS...?

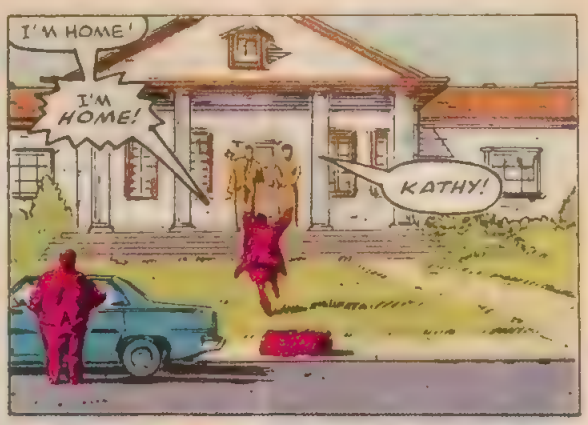
YEAH. IF YOU'D GIVEN ME A CHANCE-- I WOULD'VE EXPLAINED.
MY NAME'S BERT OLSON.

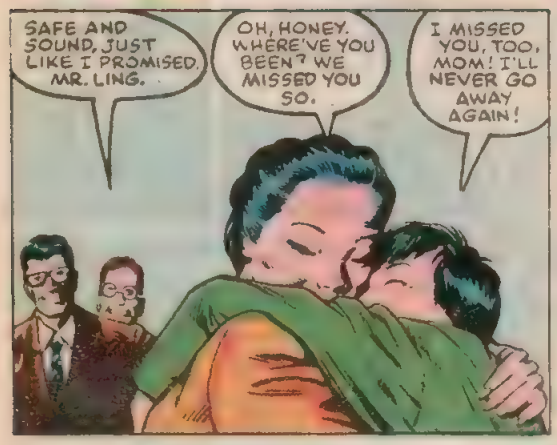
I'M A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR. YOUR FOLKS SENT ME TO FIND YOU.
THEY DID--?

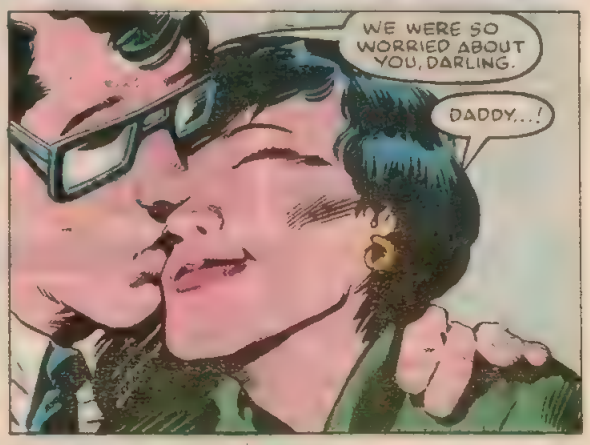
THAT PHOTO-- DAD, MOM, ME ...AND BENJAMIN.
Dear Mr. Olson, As per our phone conversation, I'm enclosing the most recent photos of our daughter. The last we know, she was seen by some friends in Marin County in late July. Otherwise, we haven't a clue to where she might be, or why she ran away. The police have so far been unable to help us. Please find our daughter. Sincerely, M...
AND THE LETTER-- IN DAD'S HANDWRITING.

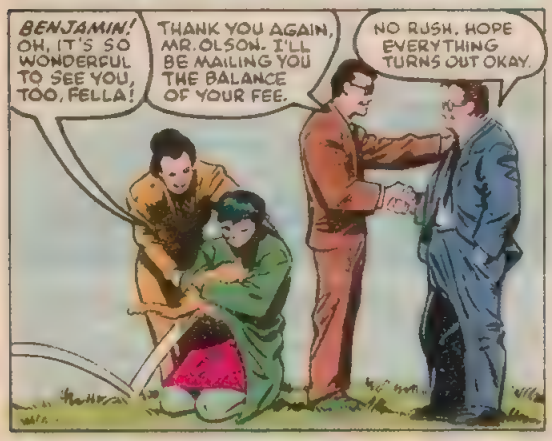
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR WEEKS. FINALLY GOT A TIP THAT YOU WERE SEEN AROUND THIS AREA, AND SANCTUARY SEEMED LIKE A LIKELY PLACE TO LOOK.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS FOR A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU ALONE.
YOUR PARENTS MISS YOU, KATHY. THEY WANT ME TO BRING YOU HOME.
I MISS THEM, MR. OLSON. MORE THAN I CAN SAY. I--I WAS ACTUALLY JUST ON MY WAY TO HITCHHIKE HOME. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR THE BUS.
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL THEM? YOUR FOLKS WOULD'VE SENT IT.
I GUESS, UH, I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED.
BUT MOSTLY, I WAS AFRAID THE PSI-HAWK WOULD STOP ME. STILL AM.
I UNDERSTAND, KATHY. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TAKE YOU HOME?
I'D LOVE THAT, MR. OLSON.
WELL, HOP IN.
NEXT STOP-- WOODLAND HILLS!
THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO...
YOU ALL RIGHT, KATHY? YOU LOOK A LITTLE QUEASY.
I'M OKAY, MR. OLSON. JUST NERVOUS, I GUESS.
I'VE GOT SOME DRAMAMINE IF YOU'D LIKE.
NERVOUS MY FOOT! I FEEL IT IN MY HEAD --WHAT WAYNE MUST'VE FELT--!
GET OUT OF MY BRAIN, PSI-HAWK!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON? SOME KIND OF PRESSURE ON MY HANDS-- FORCING ME TO TURN THE WHEEL!
NO! HE'S MAKING ME USE MY TELEKINETIC POWER--!
I DON'T NEED YOU, PSI-HAWK.
I'M GOING TO LIVE MY OWN LIFE!
GET OUT!
OUT!
HE...HE'S GONE. I BEAT THE PSI-HAWK.
I BEAT HIM.
HEY! I'M IN CONTROL OF THE CAR AGAIN! WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?
ARE YOU OKAY, KATHY?
UH, YEAH--JUST TRY TO DRIVE MORE CAREFULLY, OKAY?
UH... RIGHT.
THIS IS TOO WEIRD, OLSON. GET HER HOME, COLLECT YOUR INFLATED FEE--AND FORGET EVERYTHING THAT JUST HAPPENED.

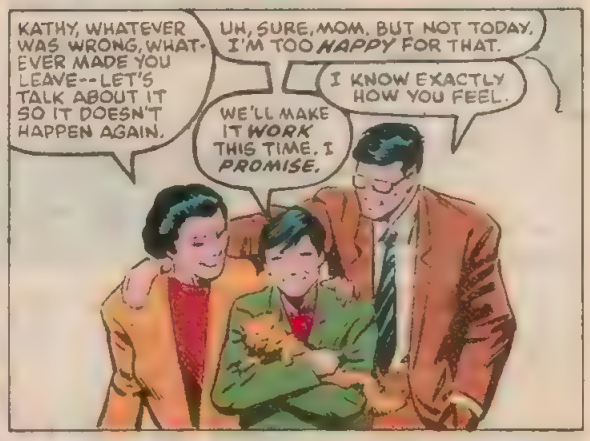
AND, A COUPLE OF HOURS AND A PHONE CALL LATER...
MOM! DAD!

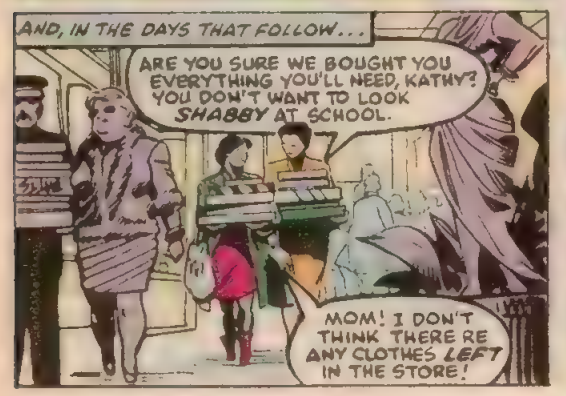

I'M HOME!
I'M HOME!
KATHY!

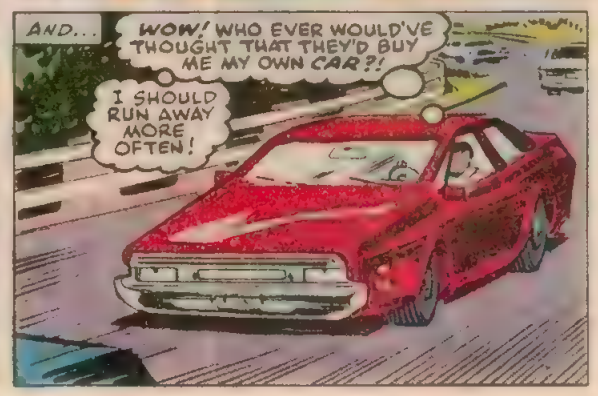

SAFE AND SOUND, JUST LIKE I PROMISED, MR. LING.
OH, HONEY. WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WE MISSED YOU SO.
I MISSED YOU, TOO, MOM! I'LL NEVER GO AWAY AGAIN!


WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU, DARLING.
DADDY...!

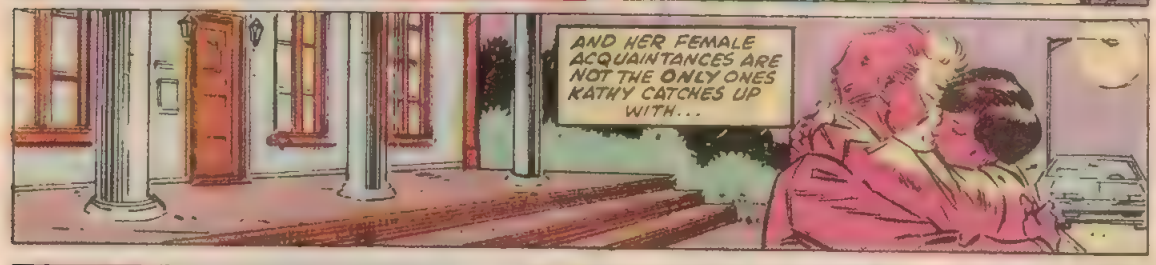

BENJAMIN! OH, IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU, TOO, FELLA!
THANK YOU AGAIN, MR. OLSON. I'LL BE MAILING YOU THE BALANCE OF YOUR FEE.
NO RUSH. HOPE EVERYTHING TURNS OUT OKAY.

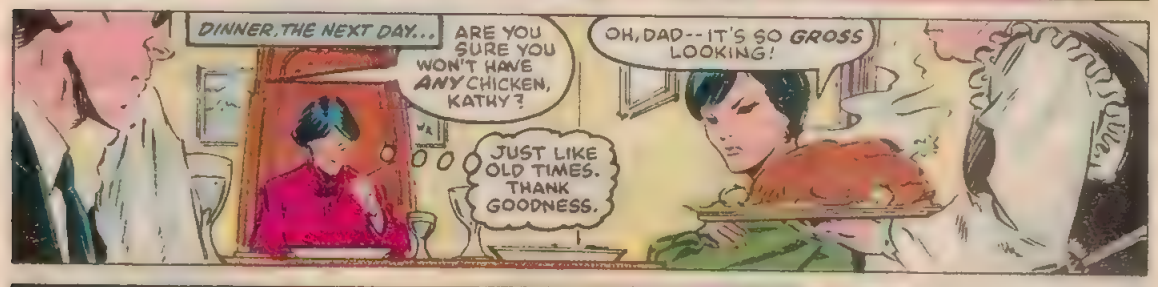

KATHY, WHATEVER WAS WRONG, WHATEVER MADE YOU LEAVE--LET'S TALK ABOUT IT SO IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
UH, SURE, MOM. BUT NOT TODAY. I'M TOO HAPPY FOR THAT.
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.
WE'LL MAKE IT WORK THIS TIME. I PROMISE.

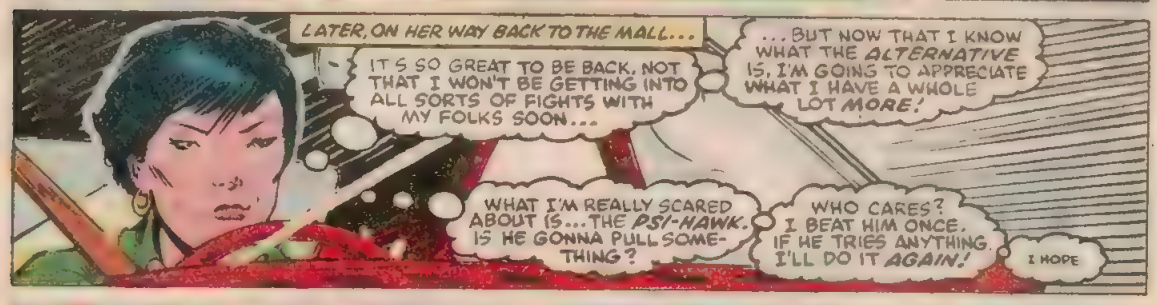

AND, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW...
ARE YOU SURE WE BOUGHT YOU EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED, KATHY? YOU DON'T WANT TO LOOK SHABBY AT SCHOOL.
MOM! I DON'T THINK THERE RE ANY CLOTHES LEFT IN THE STORE!

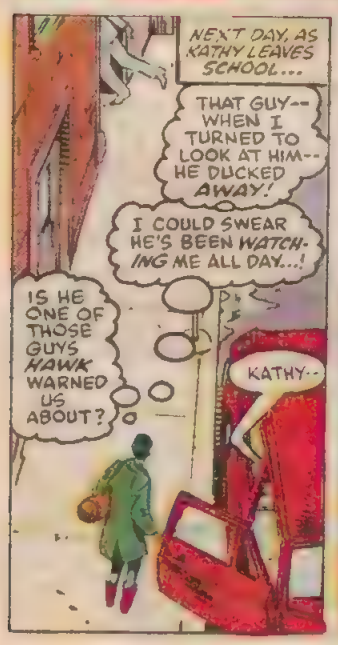

AND...
WOW! WHO EVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT THEY'D BUY ME MY OWN CAR?!
I SHOULD RUN AWAY MORE OFTEN!

THE MALL...
...AND EVELYN KEYES DYED HER HAIR THE MOST ATROCIOUS SHADE OF PURPLE!
AT LEAST THAT'S BETTER THAN HER REAL, RATTY-BROWN COLOR, GRACE.
DISHING THE DIRT--IT'S LIKE I NEVER LEFT.


AND HER FEMALE ACQUAINTANCES ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES KATHY CATCHES UP WITH...


DINNER, THE NEXT DAY...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T HAVE ANY CHICKEN, KATHY?
OH, DAD--IT'S SO GROSS LOOKING!
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES. THANK GOODNESS.

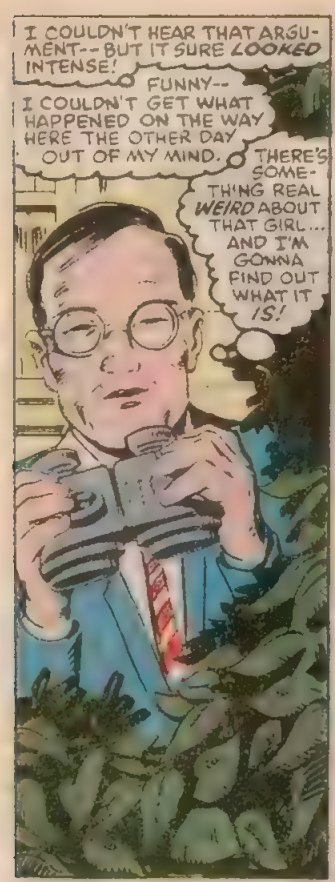

LATER, ON HER WAY BACK TO THE MALL...
IT'S SO GREAT TO BE BACK, NOT THAT I WON'T BE GETTING INTO ALL SORTS OF FIGHTS WITH MY FOLKS SOON...
...BUT NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS, I'M GOING TO APPRECIATE WHAT I HAVE A WHOLE LOT MORE!
WHAT I'M REALLY SCARED ABOUT IS...THE PSI-HAWK. IS HE GONNA PULL SOMETHING?
WHO CARES? I BEAT HIM ONCE. IF HE TRIES ANYTHING, I'LL DO IT AGAIN!
I HOPE


NEXT DAY, AS KATHY LEAVES SCHOOL...
THAT GUY--WHEN I TURNED TO LOOK AT HIM--HE DUCKED AWAY!
I COULD SWEAR HE'S BEEN WATCHING ME ALL DAY...!
IS HE ONE OF THOSE GUYS HAWK WARNED US ABOUT?
KATHY--

--IS ANYTHING WRONG? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE JUST SEEN A GHOST.
N-NOTHING'S WRONG, DAD. LET'S JUST GO HOME, OKAY?
SURE, HONEY. SURE.

LATER, AT THE MALL...
DID I IMAGINE IT--OR DID THAT WOMAN AIM A PACKAGE AT ME--AND THEN CLICK A SWITCH ON IT?
KLIK!
DID SHE JUST TAKE MY PICTURE?!

LATER OUTSIDE HER HOME...
KATHY! KATHY!
WHO NOW? THEY'LL BE SORRY IF THEY MESS WITH--
OH, I RECOGNIZE HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SKIPPER? IT'S A LONG WAY FROM THE CIA.
COLBY SHAW TOLD ME YOU LEFT SANCTUARY, KATHY. I'M HERE AS A FRIEND...WITH SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE.
LEAVING THE OTHER FOUR KIDS WASN'T A BRIGHT THING TO DO. EMMETT PROUDHAWK WASN'T JOKING WHEN HE WARNED THAT THIS WORLD'S A DANGEROUS PLACE FOR YOU.
ALONE, YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF VULNERABLE. AND YOU'VE PUT YOUR WOODLAND HILLS' FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN DANGER FROM ANYONE WHO'D WANT TO CAPTURE AND EXPLOIT YOU.
RETURN TO SANCTUARY, PLEASE.
--HAWK MADE ME LEAVE HOME. PUSHED ME MENTALLY, MADE ME LEAVE EVERYTHING I LOVED.
I'M NEVER GOING BACK TO THOSE FREAKY KIDS. CERTAINLY NOT BECAUSE OF SOME STUPID HALLUCINATION HAWK HAD. I'M BACK WHERE I BELONG, AND I'M NEVER LEAVING!
NEVER!
THAT WAS A TOTAL DISASTER. IF ANYTHING, I'VE MADE HER MORE DEAD-SET AGAINST RETURNING THAN EVER!
NOW WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?


I COULDN'T HEAR THAT ARGUMENT--BUT IT SURE LOOKED INTENSE!
FUNNY--
I COULDN'T GET WHAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY HERE THE OTHER DAY OUT OF MY MIND.
THERE'S SOMETHING REAL WEIRD ABOUT THAT GIRL... AND I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!

LATER...
GOOD NIGHT, BENJAMIN. SLEEP TIGHT, DON'T LET THE BEDBUGS BITE.
MEOWRR
I LOVE YOU TOO, KITTEN-HEAD. GOOD NIGHT.

BUT, A FEW MINUTES LATER...
WHO'S TALKING...?

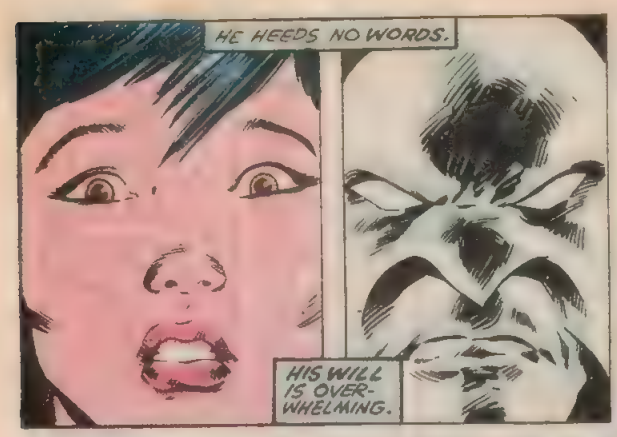
YOU--PSI-HAWK!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.

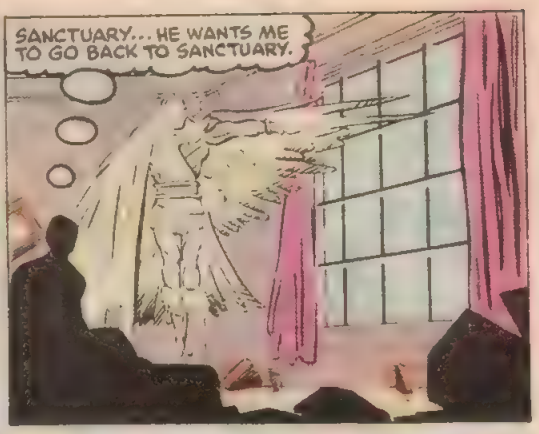
GET OUT, DO YOU HEAR ME?!

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!
IN HER RAGE, KATHY TELE-KINETICALLY HURLS A BARRAGE OF OBJECTS FROM ALL AROUND THE ROOM...
...ALL OF WHICH PASS HARMLESSLY THROUGH THE ETHEREAL FIGURE.

SO YOU'RE PLAYING INTANGIBLE, LIKE TYRONE WHEN HE'S IN HIS ASTRAL FORM!
WELL, IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE...

...AND I'M NOT GOING!
AS ALWAYS, THE PSI-HAWK DOES NOT SPEAK.


HE HEEDS NO WORDS.
HIS WILL IS OVER-WHELMING.


SANCTUARY... HE WANTS ME TO GO BACK TO SANCTUARY.

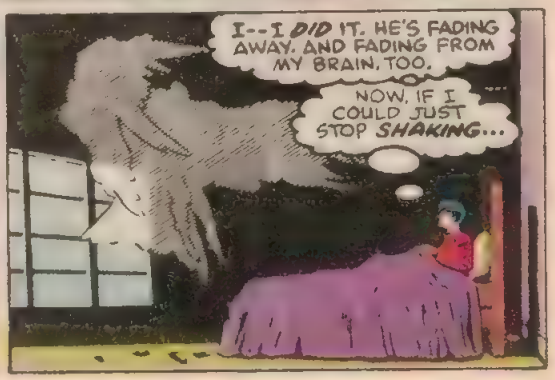
I... HAVE TO GET DRESSED... SNEAK AWAY--

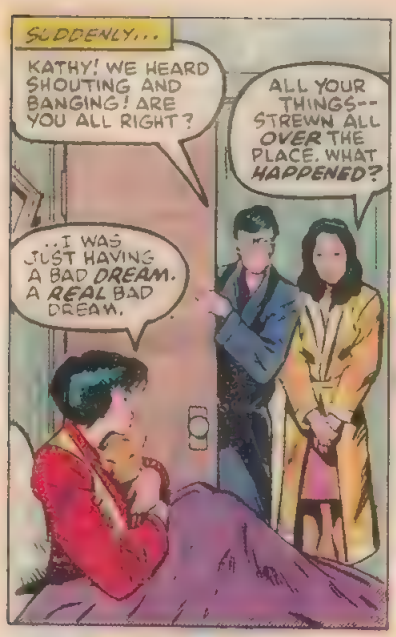
NO! WHAT AM I DOING?!
YOU ALMOST HAD ME, PSI-HAWK--

--BUT I BEAT YOU ONCE-- AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN! AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE TO!
I'M MY OWN PERSON, PSI-HAWK! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME DO ANYTHING!
I'M NEVER GOING BACK! NEVER!
LEAVE, PSI-HAWK!

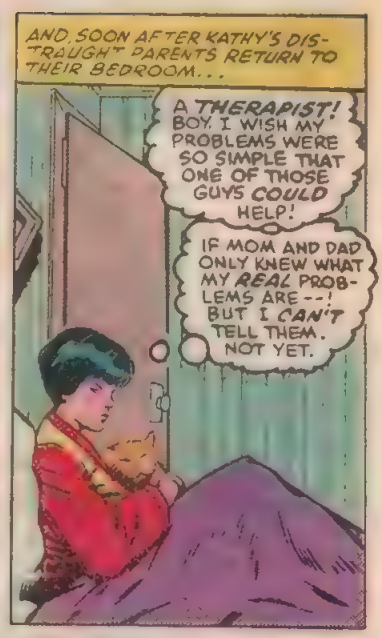
LEAVE!

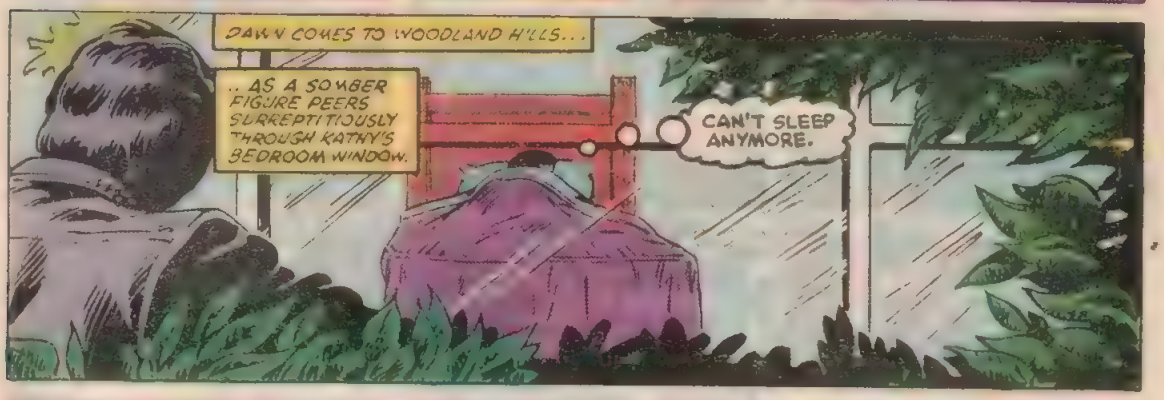
LEAVE!


I--I DID IT. HE'S FADING AWAY. AND FADING FROM MY BRAIN, TOO.
NOW, IF I COULD JUST STOP SHAKING...

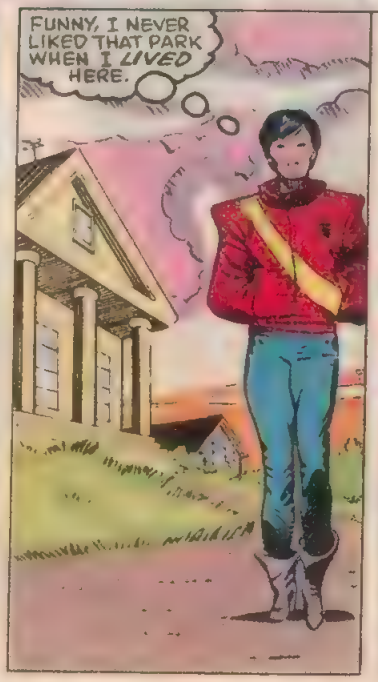

SUDDENLY...
KATHY! WE HEARD SHOUTING AND BANGING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ALL YOUR THINGS--STREWN ALL OVER THE PLACE. WHAT HAPPENED?
..I WAS JUST HAVING A BAD DREAM. A REAL BAD DREAM.

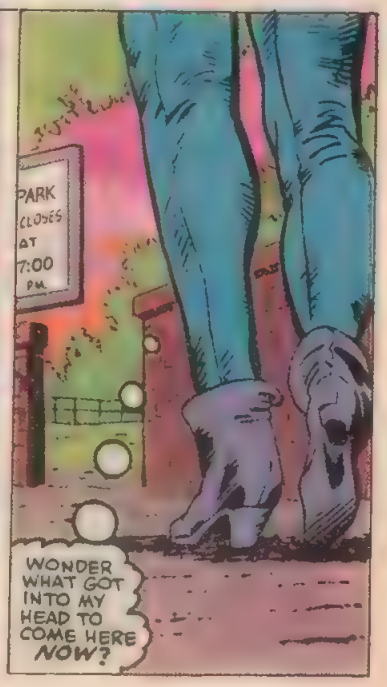
IT LOOKS WORSE THAN THAT, DEAR. MAYBE YOU SHOULD SEE THAT NICE DR. BERGER AGAIN.
THAT STUPID SHRINK?! NO WAY! HE NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR ME.
WELL, THINK ABOUT IT, DEAR.
O-OKAY, MOM.

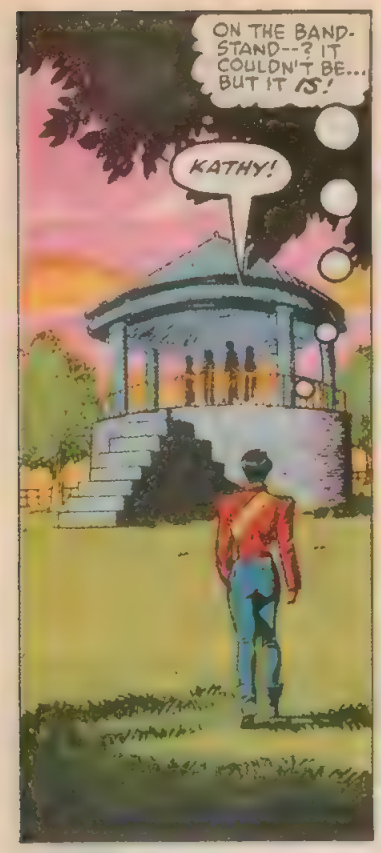

AND, SOON AFTER KATHY'S DISTRAUGHT PARENTS RETURN TO THEIR BEDROOM...
A THERAPIST! BOY, I WISH MY PROBLEMS WERE SO SIMPLE THAT ONE OF THOSE GUYS COULD HELP!
IF MOM AND DAD ONLY KNEW WHAT MY REAL PROBLEMS ARE--! BUT I CAN'T TELL THEM. NOT YET.


DAWN COMES TO WOODLAND HILLS...
..AS A SOMBER FIGURE PEERS SURREPTITIOUSLY THROUGH KATHY'S BEDROOM WINDOW.
CAN'T SLEEP ANYMORE.

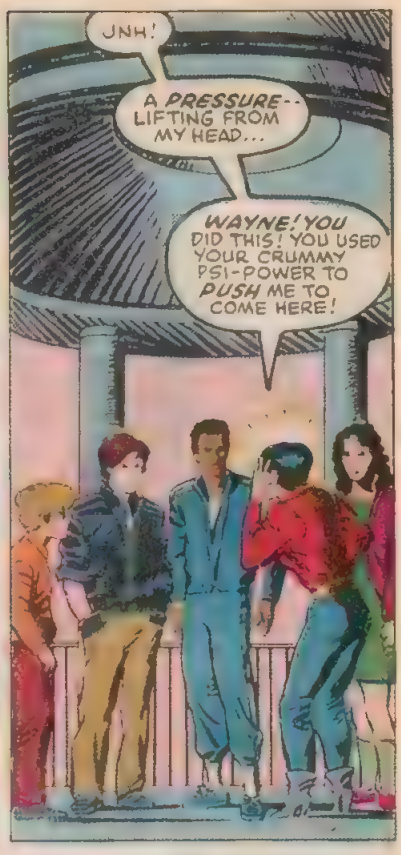
I KNOW. I'LL TAKE A WALK TO THE PARK.

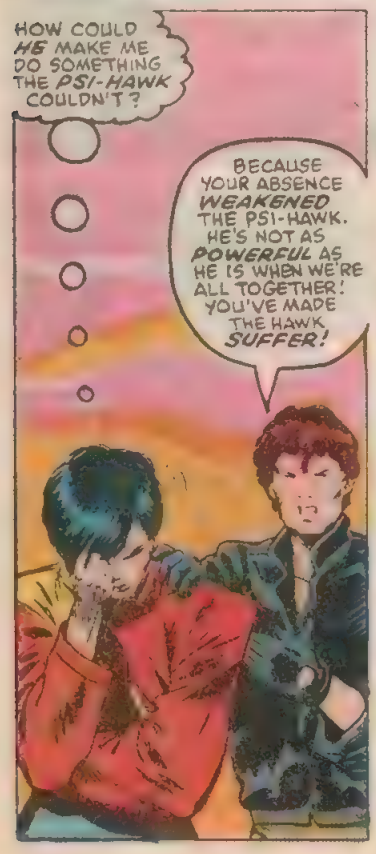

FUNNY, I NEVER LIKED THAT PARK WHEN I LIVED HERE.


PARK CLOSES AT 7:00 P.M.
WONDER WHAT GOT INTO MY HEAD TO COME HERE NOW?


ON THE BAND-STAND--? IT COULDN'T BE... BUT IT IS!
KATHY!

TYRONE! EVERYBODY! WOW! I GUESS I HAVE TO ADMIT-- I'VE MISSED YOU GUYS. NO ONE ELSE KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO--


UNH!
A PRESSURE-- LIFTING FROM MY HEAD...
WAYNE! YOU DID THIS! YOU USED YOUR CRUMMY PSI-POWER TO PUSH ME TO COME HERE!


HOW COULD HE MAKE ME DO SOMETHING THE PSI-HAWK COULDN'T?
BECAUSE YOUR ABSENCE WEAKENED THE PSI-HAWK. HE'S NOT AS POWERFUL AS HE IS WHEN WE'RE ALL TOGETHER! YOU'VE MADE THE HAWK SUFFER!

GET OUT OF MY BRAIN, TUCKER! AND TAKE YOUR HAND OFF ME! YOU'RE AS BAD AS THE PSI-HAWK!
AND WHY SHOULD I CARE IF HE SUFFERS! HE'S CAUSED ME TO SUFFER ENOUGH.

YOU SHOULD CARE, KATHY, BECAUSE PSI-HAWK IS MAKING THE FOUR OF US SUFFER! HE'S HAD US ALL IN A STATE OF HEIGHTENED FEAR AND ANXIETY SINCE YOU LEFT.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT GETTING YOU TO COME BACK!

PSI-HAWK PUSHED US TO COME HERE TO GET YOU TO COME *BACK*. HE *NEEDS* YOU.

AND *WE* NEED YOU, AND *NOT* JUST BECAUSE HE'S MAKING US CRAZY.

THANKS, TYRONE. BUT I'M NOT GOING. I'VE GOT MY FRIENDS, MY LIFE *HERE*. *NOT* IN SOME STUPID FLEABAG RUNAWAYS' HOME.

BUT, IF YOU GUYS ARE SO *DESPERATE* FOR ME TO RETURN, WHY DOESN'T WAYNE JUST *PUSH* ME TO GO BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO WITH YOU?

AFRAID IF YOU TRY TO MAKE ME DO MORE THAN COME TO THE PARK I'D BE ABLE TO *RESIST* YOU LIKE I DID PSI-HAWK, WAYNE?

AFRAID I'D BE ABLE TO RESIST HIM LIKE *YOU* COULDN'T WHEN *YOU* TRIED TO LEAVE THE GROUP?

NO... *NO!*

WE JUST--YOU'VE *GOT* TO COME BACK BECAUSE *YOU* WANT TO... OR YOU'LL JUST RUN AWAY AGAIN.

I DON'T *BELIEVE* WHAT I'M HEARING! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS ARE ALL SO *HELPLESS* BEFORE THE HAWK. ESPECIALLY NOT *YOU*, MR. MACHO WAYNE TUCKER!

DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE ANY *SELF-RESPECT?* CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT THE PSI-HAWK HAS *DONE* TO YOU?!

I'M *HERE*. I'M *FREE*--

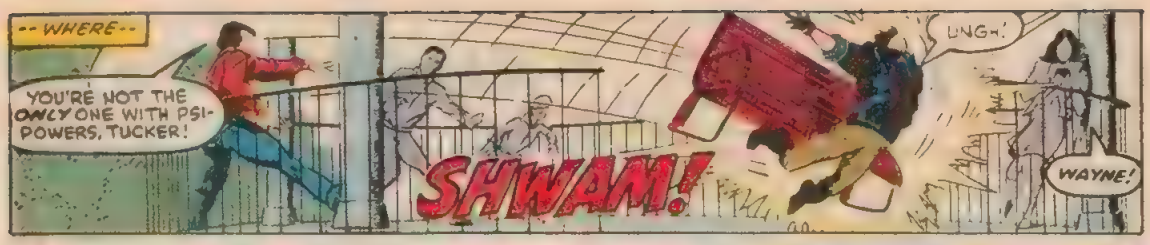
--AND I'M *STAYING*--*UNH!*

WAYNE, YOU *RAT!* I THOUGHT YOU *WEREN'T* GOING TO TRY AND PUSH ME!

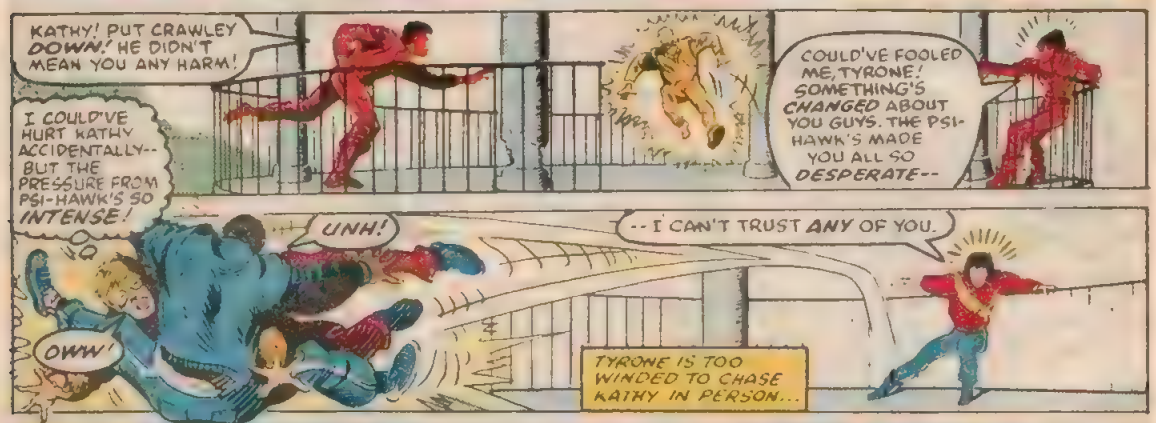
WE *NEED* YOU. YOU *MUST* COME WITH US!

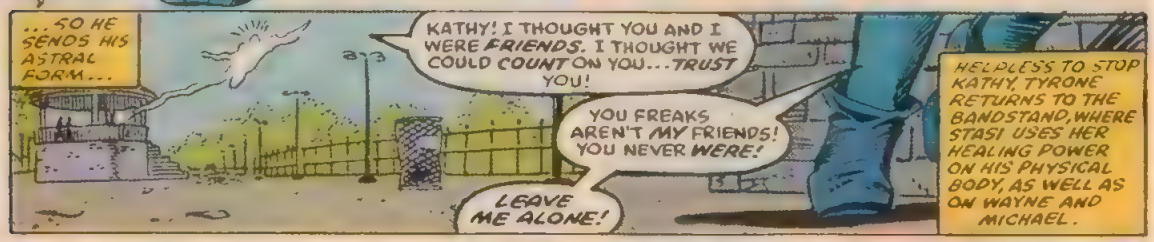
BEHIND WAYNE TUCKER, A PARK BENCH SILENTLY RISES...

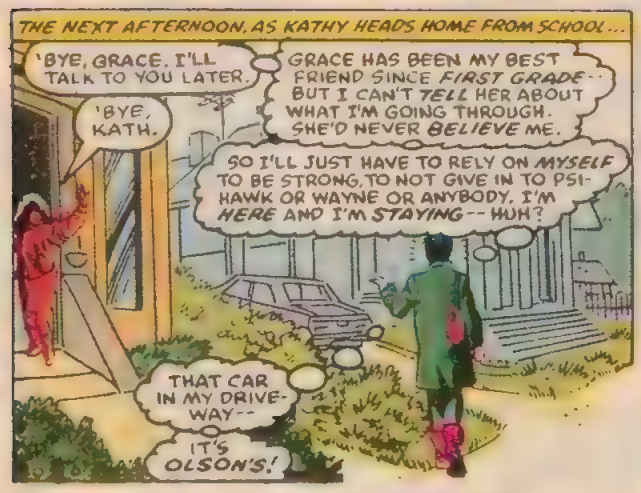
...AND HURTLES TOWARD THE BANDSTAND--

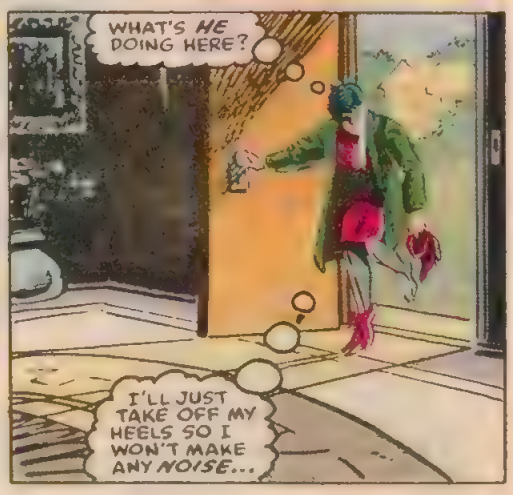

-- WHERE --
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH PSI-POWERS, TUCKER!
SHWAM!
UNGH!
WAYNE!

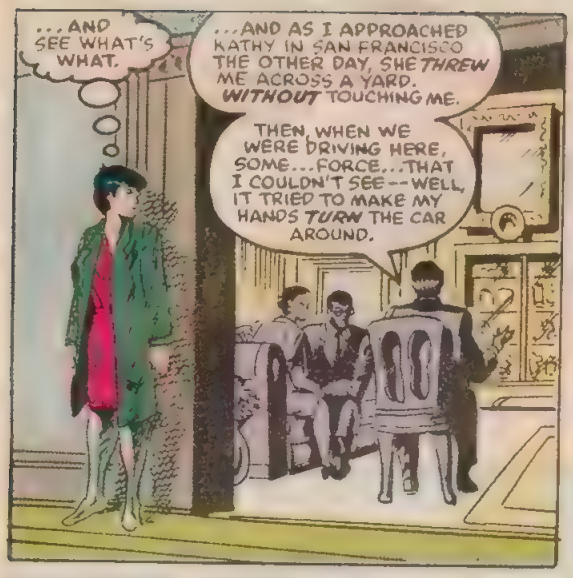
YOU'RE RIGHT, KATHY! I'VE GOT 'EM, TOO. NOW, STOP-- BEFORE WE HAVE TO HURT YOU!
YOU'D USE YOUR EXPLOSIVE POWER ON ME, "CREEPY"?!
BWOOM!


KATHY! PUT CRAWLEY DOWN! HE DIDN'T MEAN YOU ANY HARM!
I COULD'VE HURT KATHY ACCIDENTALLY-- BUT THE PRESSURE FROM PSI-HAWK'S SO INTENSE!
COULD'VE FOOLED ME, TYRONE! SOMETHING'S CHANGED ABOUT YOU GUYS. THE PSI-HAWK'S MADE YOU ALL SO DESPERATE--
UNH!
OWW!
-- I CAN'T TRUST ANY OF YOU.
TYRONE IS TOO WINDED TO CHASE KATHY IN PERSON...

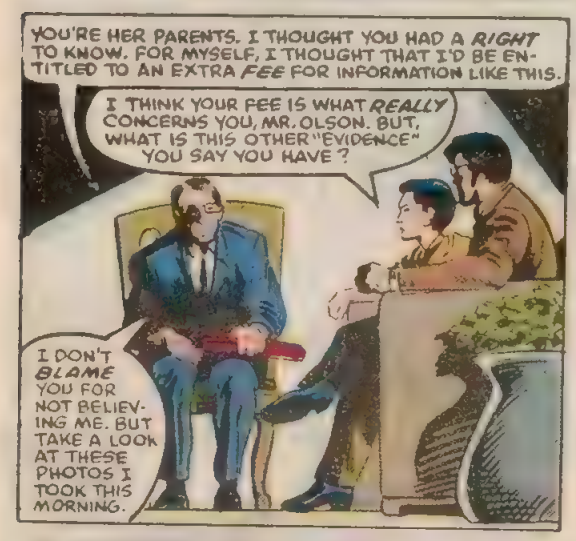

... SO HE SENDS HIS ASTRAL FORM...
KATHY! I THOUGHT YOU AND I WERE FRIENDS. I THOUGHT WE COULD COUNT ON YOU... TRUST YOU!
YOU FREAKS AREN'T MY FRIENDS! YOU NEVER WERE!
LEAVE ME ALONE!
HELPLESS TO STOP KATHY, TYRONE RETURNS TO THE BANDSTAND, WHERE STASI USES HER HEALING POWER ON HIS PHYSICAL BODY, AS WELL AS ON WAYNE AND MICHAEL.

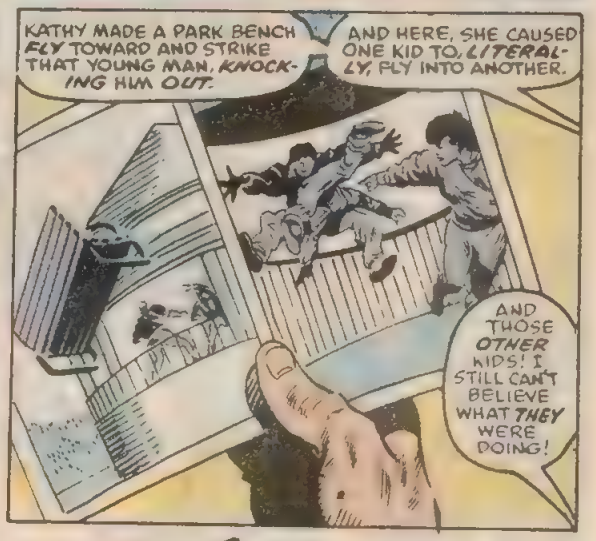

THE NEXT AFTERNOON, AS KATHY HEADS HOME FROM SCHOOL...
'BYE, GRACE. I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.
'BYE, KATH.
GRACE HAS BEEN MY BEST FRIEND SINCE FIRST GRADE-- BUT I CAN'T TELL HER ABOUT WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH. SHE'D NEVER BELIEVE ME.
SO I'LL JUST HAVE TO RELY ON MYSELF TO BE STRONG, TO NOT GIVE IN TO PSI-HAWK OR WAYNE OR ANYBODY. I'M HERE AND I'M STAYING -- HUH?
THAT CAR IN MY DRIVE-WAY--
IT'S OLSON'S!

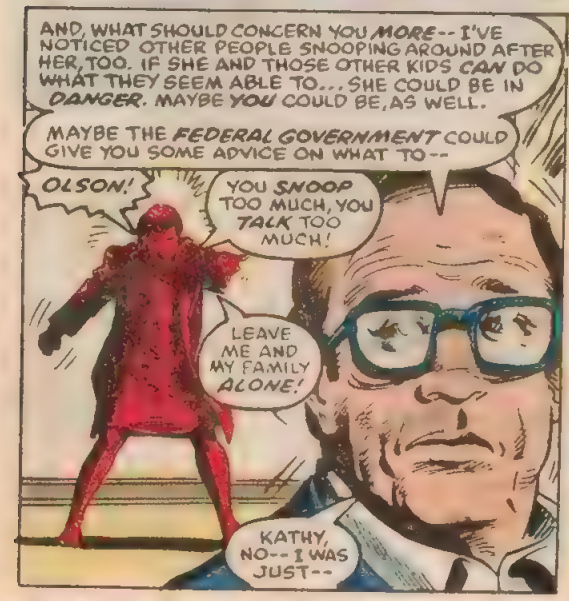

WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
I'LL JUST TAKE OFF MY HEELS SO I WON'T MAKE ANY NOISE...


...AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT.
...AND AS I APPROACHED KATHY IN SAN FRANCISCO THE OTHER DAY, SHE THREW ME ACROSS A YARD, WITHOUT TOUCHING ME.
THEN, WHEN WE WERE DRIVING HERE, SOME...FORCE...THAT I COULDN'T SEE--WELL, IT TRIED TO MAKE MY HANDS TURN THE CAR AROUND.

THOSE INCIDENTS AND LATER EVIDENCE I'VE GATHERED LEAD ME TO CONCLUDE THAT KATHY HAS SOME SORT OF STRANGE UH, "POWER" OVER OBJECTS.
WHAT--?!


YOU'RE HER PARENTS. I THOUGHT YOU HAD A RIGHT TO KNOW. FOR MYSELF, I THOUGHT THAT I'D BE ENTITLED TO AN EXTRA FEE FOR INFORMATION LIKE THIS.
I THINK YOUR FEE IS WHAT REALLY CONCERNS YOU, MR. OLSON. BUT, WHAT IS THIS OTHER "EVIDENCE" YOU SAY YOU HAVE?
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT BELIEVING ME. BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PHOTOS I TOOK THIS MORNING.


KATHY MADE A PARK BENCH FLY TOWARD AND STRIKE THAT YOUNG MAN, KNOCKING HIM OUT.
AND HERE, SHE CAUSED ONE KID TO, LITERALLY, FLY INTO ANOTHER.
AND THOSE OTHER KIDS! I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT THEY WERE DOING!


AND, WHAT SHOULD CONCERN YOU MORE-- I'VE NOTICED OTHER PEOPLE SNOOPING AROUND AFTER HER, TOO. IF SHE AND THOSE OTHER KIDS CAN DO WHAT THEY SEEM ABLE TO... SHE COULD BE IN DANGER. MAYBE YOU COULD BE, AS WELL.
MAYBE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE ON WHAT TO--
OLSON!
YOU SNOOP TOO MUCH, YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
LEAVE ME AND MY FAMILY ALONE!
KATHY, NO-- I WAS JUST--

LEAVE US ALONE!
KRAAASH!

OH, NO! WHAT'VE I DONE?!
KATHY-- THEN...WHAT HE WAS SAYING WAS TRUE!
IT'S WORSE THAN WHAT HE WAS SAYING! OUR DAUGHTER'S SOME SORT OF FREAK! SHE HURT THIS MAN BADLY!
UNGH! M-MY NECK-- THINK IT'S BROKEN...

NO! I'M NOT A FREAK! I'M NOT!
I'M NOT!
I-I'VE RUINED EVERYTHING! EVERY-THING!
MY LIFE'S AS GOOD AS OVER.

MAYBE NOT, LING.
WAYNE!
I'VE GOT TO HELP THAT MAN.

STASI PLACES HER HANDS ON OLSON'S BODY. A SOFT GLOW SURROUNDS THE FALLEN DETECTIVE...
...AS HIS BONES MEND AND HIS CUTS HEAL.
HE'S SO BADLY HURT... THE STRAIN SO GREAT. BUT I THINK I'VE HEALED EVERYTHING.
TH-THESE MUST BE THE OTHER KIDS OLSON WAS TELLING US ABOUT-- OTHER FREAKS!

KATHY! WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER TELL US?! WE COULD'VE GOTTEN YOU TREATMENT FOR YOUR PROBLEM!
WE COULD'VE DONE SOMETHING TO MAKE SURE YOU DIDN'T HARM ANYBODY! YOU --YOU COULD'VE EVEN HURT US!
NO, DADDY! DON'T SAY THAT!
KEEP BACK! KEEP BACK!

COOL OUT, FOLKS. YOU'RE TOO SLEEPY TO FREAK OUT, AREN'T YOU?
YES... SLEEPY...

THEN TAKE A LITTLE NAP...!

SOON...
YOUR DAUGHTER CAME HOME AND THINGS WERE LIKE NORMAL...
THE BREAKFRONT WAS ACCIDENTALLY BROKEN BY WORKMEN...
YES... BROKEN ACCIDENTALLY...
I SCREWED IT UP. SCREWED THE WHOLE THING UP.

KATHY SAID YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF HER AND US. GIVE THEM TO ME.
H-HERE.
AND THE NEGATIVES?
TH-THEY'RE IN THE ENVELOPE, TOO...

AND...
HMM. THAT'S ODD. HOW DID I END UP IN WOODLAND HILLS ANYWAY?
WEIRD. WELL, TIME TO HEAD HOME FOR DINNER.

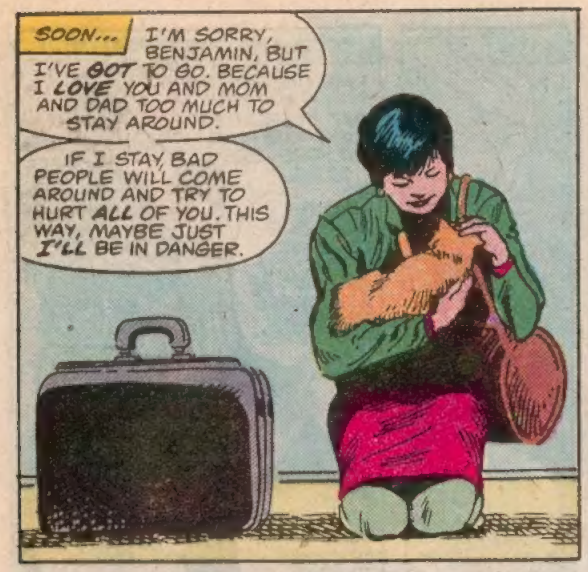
INSIDE...
WE SAVED YOUR HASH THIS TIME, LING. BUT NEXT TIME--AND YOU CAN BET THERE'LL BE A NEXT TIME--WE WON'T BE HERE TO HELP
AND THE NEXT ONE TO COME AFTER YOU MAY NOT BE A HARMLESS JERK LIKE THAT DETECTIVE.
YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE. YOU HAVE TO COME BACK WITH US.

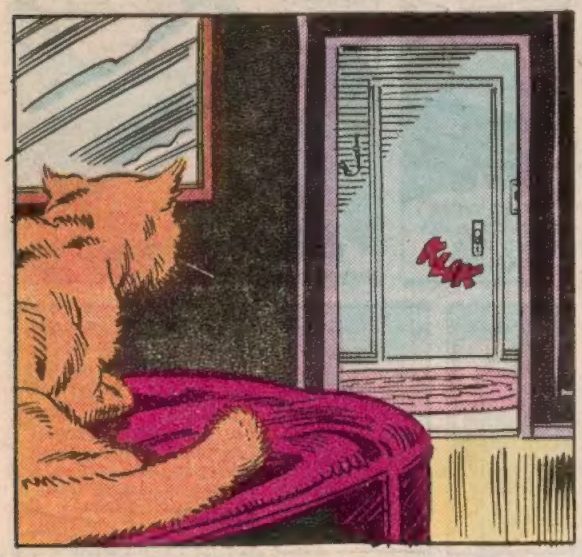
NO! YOU FOUR HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER PSI-HAWK'S MAKING YOU. IF YOU COULD DO WHAT I'VE DONE, YOU WOULD.
I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND MAKE IT WORK. I'M GOING TO BE NORMAL!
IT'S YOUR CHOICE, KATHY.
I HOPE YOU DON'T REGRET IT.

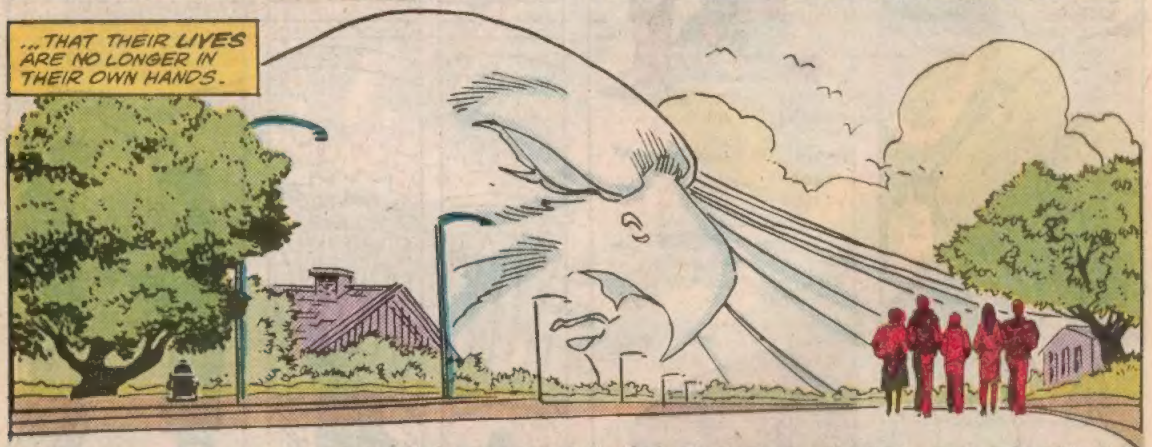
WE'LL GET BY, KATHY. BE STRONG.
GOOD LUCK KATHY.

WAIT.

YOU...YOU'RE RIGHT, WAYNE. I KEEP THINKING I CAN BE A NORMAL KID AGAIN. I WANT IT SO MUCH IT HURTS.
BUT I'M NOT NORMAL ANYMORE--AND I NEVER WILL BE AGAIN. THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO LIVE WITH.
I'LL GO BACK. YOU TAKE CARE OF MY FOLKS. M-MAKE THEM THINK I WAS HERE... BUT THAT I LEFT AGAIN.
PLEASE.







NEXT: HE COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM, INSTEAD HE'S PSI FORCE'S DEADLIEST ENEMY! MEET: THE PSI STALKER!

Marvel,

I recently obtained a copy of PSI-FORCE #1, and in my opinion it is the best of all the New Universe titles. Although I enjoy STAR BRAND, NIGHTMASK, and JUSTICE immensely, I would rank PSI-FORCE a nudge above. Which, of course, is still a compliment of enormous amount. The story is strong and the art is top-notch, along with superb coloring. If you can keep this up, it looks like PSI-FORCE will be one fabulous book!

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Dear Editor,

PSI-FORCE #1 was unusual, to say the least.

Let's see, our heroes are a would-be savior of the unique who gets wasted by issue's end and five teenagers—one ungrateful, one a would-be Magic Johnson, one a valley girl, and two of them insecure to the max. I haven't even mentioned their unique abilities yet!

Don't get me wrong, this and the three other New Universe titles out so far are simply the most original and fascinating things from Marvel in a long time. Other than the old horror titles of the 60s and 70s, and certain Epic titles, I haven't found Marvel much to my liking.

But these kids simply just don't care for their new-found abilities and all in their own ways have to grow up fast and come to terms with their powers, their insecurities, and each other in order to survive.

I can see that character development will be just as important as showing off each person's powers in this book. I like that very much.

The art, especially the cover, was fabulous.

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Well, if the volume of positive response to PSI-FORCE is any indication, it looks like the New Universe is a major success on all levels, folks! Not only is everyone clamoring over the first-rate art and stories, but there appears to be an overwhelming interest in our new, realistic approach to comic books. And if that's what everyone's looking for, they're gonna love what we have planned for PSI-FORCE . . .

Dear PSI-FORCE,

I love PSI-FORCE! Out of the whole comics universe, mind powers have always been my favorite.

My favorite character is Kathy! I like her a lot because of her telekinetic powers. She has an awesome personality. But, why are they so afraid of her powers?

Well, I have a few questions—

—What are the team's code-names?

—Is Wayne going to leave the team? I hope not. Without him, there's no way to form Psi-Hawk, and telepathy is another of my personal favorite abilities.

—Will Michael always be such a geek? I mean, he's a real nerd. At least you could get rid of some of his shyness!

Keep up the good work, PSI-FORCE!

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If you like mind-powers, Jason, then you sure picked the right book, 'cause that's what PSI-FORCE is all about! As for your questions—

—The group will receive code-names only if it becomes necessary for some reason or another. Of course, in the dangerous world they live in, this is not at all unlikely!

—After the ominous events in PSI-FORCE #3, Wayne is stuck with the gang whether he likes it or not. At least for now!

—We wouldn't call Michael a geek, at least not to his face—he's too dangerous! Rest assured that in future stories his personality, as well as the others', will develop in ways that are certain to surprise, if not necessarily please, you.

Dear People,

PSI-FORCE #1 was the greatest. I loved the story and art! I think this comic is destined to become one of Marvel's best. Are you going to add new members? If you do, they'll be unstoppable. Are the members of Psi-Force mutants?

I really like this book. How about naming your Letters Page Psi-Scan or Psi-Scanners? Keep up the good work!

Mike Standiford
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Wayne and the gang are not exactly mutants, Mike, but they're not your everyday average teen-agers either! The technical term for them is "paranormals."

Dear Psi-Crew,

A few comments about the first issue of PSI-FORCE—

—Mark, great art!

—Steve, great story!

—Bob B. and Jim S., how about an OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL NEW UNIVERSE?

—How about a team-up with Spitfire and the Troubleshooters?

—How about the Letter Column heading saying Psi-Signals?

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PSI-FORCE will be crossing over with other New Universe titles even sooner than you'd expect, Jerry.

As for an OFFICIAL HANDBOOK—what does the rest of Fandom Assembled think?

Well, it looks like the inevitable Letters Page Name Debate has officially begun . . . but it's already over. The winner, for the time being, anyway, is what you see at the top of this page. So if you want something else, to argue about something *important*—like do Kathy's shoes go with the rest of her outfit in this issue?

Dear Editor,

I am writing to say how much I like PSI-FORCE. It was the Marvel New Universe comic I read first and the one I liked best.

I was wondering, however, why there are so few super heroes in the New Universe who have the power of empathy. There are no good guys who are empaths. I think a character like that would be very strong and interesting. The power of a true empath would be more than incredible. He couldn't, however, let someone else feel something that he himself didn't feel. That fact would make for an interesting character because he would have to develop within himself the ability to emote certain feelings. This character couldn't exactly manipulate emotion. I would like to see a character in PSI-FORCE have this more narrow focus of empathy.

Another power that has been overlooked by marvel is a "finder." There are "trackers," but they have to have something to track, whereas a finder uses a telepathic visualization to find an object. A true finder would be another interesting addition to comicdom.

Well, anyway, thanks for the ear (or eye). Good luck with PSI-FORCE—I'll be looking forward to more issues.

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Dear Marvel,

Congratulations on the first issue of PSI-FORCE. The cover and the story were spectacular! Wayne and Tyrone are my favorite characters. Mark Texeira's pencils were good and Kyle Baker's inks were great!

I hope to see more of Mindwolf. Is there any chance Psi-Force will be getting some new members? If so, maybe Wayne's brother or sister could join up, considering he does have a sibling. Keep up the good work!

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